

TOWN OF FREMONT NH

SWIMMING POOL INFORMATION SHEET

General

Swimming and bathing pool regulations shall not be applicable to any such pool less than 24 inches, except where such pools are equipped with a water-recirculating system or involve structural materials.

Definitions

Barrier: A fence, a well, a building wall or a combination thereof which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool.

Private swimming pool: Any structure that contains water over 24 inches in depth and which is used, or intended to be used, for swimming or recreational bathing in connection with an occupancy in Use Group R-3. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

Permits and construction documents: A swimming pool shall not be constructed, installed, enlarged or altered until construction documents have been submitted and permit has been obtained from the code official.

Construction documents: Construction documents shall accurately show dimensions and construction of the pool and appurtenances and properly established distances to lot lines, buildings, walks and fences.

Surface cleaning: All swimming pools shall be provided with a recirculating skimming device or overflow gutters to remove scum and foreign matter from the surface of the water. Where skimmers are used for private pools, there shall be at least one skimming device for each 1,000 square feet of surface area or fraction thereof.

Steps and ladders: At least one means of egress shall be provided from private pools.

Equipment instructions: Pumps, filters and other mechanical and electrical equipment for public swimming pools shall be enclosed in such a manner as to provide access only to authorized persons and not to bathers. Construction and drainage shall be arranged to avoid the entrance and accumulation of water in the vicinity of electrical equipment.

Enclosure for private swimming pools, spas and hot tubs: Private swimming pools, spas and hot tubs shall be enclosed in accordance with Section 421.10.1 through 421.10.4.

Outdoor private swimming pool: An outdoor private swimming pool, including an in-ground, above-ground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa shall be provided with a barrier which shall comply with the following:

- 1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches above finish ground level measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool.*
- 2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere.*
- 3. Maximum mesh size for chain link fence shall be a 1 ¼ -inch square unless the fence is provided with slats fastened at the top or the bottom which reduce the openings to not more than 1 ¾ -inches.*

4. *Where the barrier is composed of diagonal members, such as a lattice fence, the maximum opening formed by the diagonal members shall not more than 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inches .*
5. *Access gates shall comply with the requirements of items 1 through 4, and shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access gates shall open outwards away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device.*
6. *Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one of the following shall apply:
All doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and its screen, if present, are open.
The pool shall be equipped with an approved power safety cover.*
7. *Where an above-ground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is an fixed or removable ladder or steps, the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of items 1 through 6. A removable ladder shall not constitute an acceptable alternative to enclosure requirements.*

THE POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS MUST MEET the NFPA ELECTRICAL CODE STANDARDS.

THE POOL STRUCTURE MUST BE GROUNDED PROPERLY.

THE POOL AND ANY ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT MUST MEET MINIMUM LOT LINE SETBACKS.

THE POOL CAN NOT BE PLACED OVER THE SEPTIC TANK OR THE LEACHBED.